



Zero Waste Arlington January 2023 Meeting Minutes - Approved

Date: 01/26/2023

Time: 7:00

Location: *Online Zoom Meeting*

Attendees:

Members: Emily Dertz, Jennifer Campbell, Priya Sankalia, Jim Ballin, Scott Mullen, Charlotte Milan, Paul Goldberg, Amy Speare, Sarah Kmetz

Residents: Christopher Ellinger, Julie Benyo

Agenda:

1. Old Business
 - a. Review and approve November 2022 ZWA meeting minutes
2. New Business
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Plastics Reduction Subcommittee Update
 - i. AOT (Arlington On Tap)
 - ii. NPP (No Plastic Please)
 - c. Website - communications subcommittee update
 - d. Legislative subcommittee - discussion on legislative priorities
 - e. Next webinar topic
 - f. Recycling Coordinator update
 - g. Miscellaneous topics
- 3.

Minutes:

1. Free Shelves - Christopher Ellinger introduced the idea - wants to know if we can endorse and promote kind of like the free libraries
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vS71izStJFXiwsCWH3nuWS5I0Y0bAzr1eiZWbzOS9Xk/edit?usp=sharing>
 - b. FAQs: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L2RBFUvaG4sfdUF9qJn3u8Q1uyaJqUtqDS7dym_IPAg/edit?usp=sharing
 - c. They have a team of several folks and he is happy to share a contact for people to arlington.free.shelves@gmail.com
 - d. It would be on private property - not on the curb
 - e. We will add to the website and publicize.
2. The committee approved the November 2022 minutes.

3. Emily gave an update on NPP
 - a. Late November early Dec Jennifer, Larry, Emily, and Margie visited several restaurants and got their feedback. Generally well received
 - b. Too much variability in the use of plastics in the restaurants so more discussion needed on how to implement NPP. We now have a checklist. Final decision not made. The stickers need to be meaningful so maybe some more data is needed.
 - c. Discussion on who we can rate as a NPP customer. Mully's suggestion - using the LEAD model. Also measuring success - how do we do that?
 - d. Jennifer said that water dispenser in the customer area can get the AoT sticker
4. Priya gave a communications subcommittee update - website being updated constantly with the blog posts; more FB posts; used website stats
 - a. Monthly themes - December was about giving; Jan was resolutions; Feb is food waste; then Arlington on the Go (when you're out and about how to reduce waste)
 - b. Priya suggested that on the theme we could do a webinar on food waste (March-April)
5. Mully shared the list of bills introduced in this legislative session
 - a. Charlotte proposed that we issue a warrant article for a resolution to support state level extended producer responsibility
 - b. Mully - we need to be strategic and play the long game - it's going to be a long legislative session. Mully will track them and keep us posted.
 - c. Amy moved to have Charlotte file the warrant article based on the language that Newton submitted; Priya seconded and the committee voted in favor.
6. Charlotte update
 - a. EcoFest - would we be interested in the Tiny House in a box truck to sponsor. Fix-It clinics are scheduled. Mattress recycling is going fine but do not have the curbside yet. Might do a paint take back with high school students.
 - b. Talked about the model created for doing a trash audit (50 households, 5 days in a row) - evaluate what the emissions difference would be if all recycling went to recycling and trash went to trash. Planned for April.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM